



Town of Abington

500 GLINIEWICZ WAY
ABINGTON, MA 02351

Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes April 27, 2015 6:30 p.m. Cotter Room

Members present: Ken Coyle, Andy Burbine, Mike Franey, Maureen Jansen, Alex Bezanson

- **Pledge of Allegiance**

- **Reorganization of the Board of Selectmen** – Town Manager asked for a motion from the Board for Chairman and Vice Chairman

M/Coyle to appoint Selectman Franey as Chair
S/Burbine
Voted 5-0

M/Burbine to appoint Selectman Jansen as Vice Chair
S/Bezanson
Voted 5-0
Chairman welcomed Selectman Bezanson to the Board.

- **Public Announcements:**

Selectman Bezanson announced that the AEF is sponsoring Derby Night at the races on May 1, 2015 from 7pm to 10pm at the Knights of Columbus.

Selectman Jansen announced the 17th Annual Duck Race to be held at Beaver Brook on May 17, 2015 at 1pm.

Chairman announced SAGE's Community Gardens first meeting will be held on May 5, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the Buckley Room. SAGE has released sponsorship of the Abington Farmers Market, and the market will open on July 11th and run until September 26th from 9am to 1pm at its new home at the Senior Center, 441 Summer Street.

Chairman also announced that Anything with a plug was a great success as well as receiving many donations for the Food Pantry.

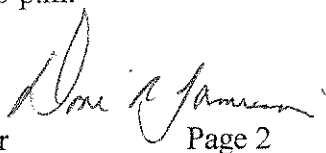
- **Public Appointments:**

6:30 p.m. – Steven Lee – South Shore Vo Tech Student of the Year – The Board of Selectmen presented Steven Lee with a proclamation for achieving the status of Student of the Year (attached)

- **Action/Discussion items:**

1. Approval of April 6, 2015 open session minutes –
M/Coyle to approve
S/Jansen
Bezanson abstains
Voted 4-0-1
2. Approval of Underground Storage License, 1432 Bedford Street – This application is being passed over for another meeting allowing the applicant to provide all the necessary paperwork.
3. Annual renewal of appointments – This item is passed over until additional appointment forms have been received. There was discussion on the detail of the application form. It was decided that a yes/no form could be sent for reappointments and the appointment form would be looked at and put on the next agenda for revisions
4. Review of the Draft Special and Annual Town Meeting Warrants – Town Manager reviewed the articles. It was decided to hold an additional meeting on May 11, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. for discussion on articles only and possibly representatives from Starwood.
5. Discussion on FY2015 budget – Town Manager reviewed budget, and is meeting with the Financial Officers group this Wednesday to determine best method to proceed. This will be brought back to the Board.
6. Board of Selectmen Policy Review – Policies and Procedures – This will be reviewed and brought back on a future agenda. Selectman Burbine mentioned that he preferred the appointment piece of this policy over the appointment policy recently re-adopted. This allows for appointments to be made in June.
7. Town Manager Report – Town Manager provided a General Update. (attached)
8. Public Comment – none
M/Jansen to adjourn
S/Burbine
Voted 5-0
Meeting adjourned: 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Dori R. Jamieson
Assistant Town Manager



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TO: BOARD OF SELECTMEN
FROM: TOWN MANAGER
DATE: APRIL 23, 2015
SUBJ: GENERAL UPDATE

The following is meant to be a general update of activities of the Town Manager and staff. Should any member desire more information regarding any particular matter please contact me personally.

1. FY 2016 Budget Process – The financial team is meeting next Wednesday to hopefully solidify a recommended approach for the coming fiscal year now that certain important factors have become clearer.
2. Griffins Dairy – The house and barn are now demolished and removed per the conditions of the bid spec. The project, even after one change order, has been completed for nearly \$13,000 less than the amount appropriated in the article. The site is now fenced-in as the surface is allowed to settle and possible future use of the area (if any) can be considered by the Griffins Dairy Committee and the town.
3. Route 18 Project – The update from state officials that the Planning Board has been attempting to schedule for local residents and businesses is CONFIRMED for Monday, May 4 at 6:00 p.m. You may recall that we had envisioned that this may be a good opportunity to briefly discuss the organization of the association or “roundtable” with the attendees. Please also be reminded that this date coincides with the scheduled meeting of the Board of Selectmen so it may be worth considering a joint or simultaneous meeting with the Planning Board on that night as forming this business group and monitoring the Rt. 18 project are clearly interests and/or goals of both bodies.
4. Metro South Chamber of Commerce – After juggling schedules Dori was able to attend the meeting of the MSCC with particular interest on any information/discussion that was relevant to the proposed casino location in Brockton. Unfortunately the meeting format itself did not lend itself to the question and answer needs of attendees. We were particularly interested in any discussions pertaining to Surrounding Community Status as Abington has sent a letter requesting such status from the developer and the Mass Gaming Commission as this is a prerequisite for being eligible to negotiate mitigation

agreements with the developer. Hopefully other forums will be scheduled specifically on this topic if the voters of Brockton approve this project.

5. Southfield/Starwood – Matthew Barry of Starwood has contacted me today requesting an opportunity to meet with the members of the Board of Selectmen to introduce individuals representing the company seeking to become the new master developer. I am told that the appropriate purchase and sale agreements are in place. Mr. Barry is seeking instruction from us as to how the Board wishes to proceed with introductions (for instance, at a scheduled meeting of the Board or on site at Southfield as individual members are able to schedule personally, etc.) I will discuss this with the Chairman next week but please feel free to provide any feedback to me on preferences.
6. Memorial Arch – The bronze restoration work which is the final phase is still scheduled to occur the first week of May – weather permitting. The restoration of the Abolitionist Stone (grant funded) is also part of the bronze restoration work.
7. Flag Day Weekend – In case you begin to hear conversation be aware that preparations and Island Grove are already in the works for the Civil War encampment event that weekend.